

**JOINT ANTELOPE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

**Board Meeting  
February 13, 2003**

Meeting Began at: 10:35 a.m.  
Meeting Ended at: 11:22 a.m.

Members Present: Allan Abbott, Christine Jackson, Glenn Johnson

Others Present: Roger Figard, Amy Cornelius, Randy Stramel, Joel Pedersen, Margaret Remmenga, Mike Morosin, Wayne Teten, Bruce Sweney, Wynn Hjermstad, Duncan Ross, Pam Manske, LuAnn Finke, Delores Lintel, Scott Lewis, Rich McDermott, Trevor Hull, Jack Lynch, Scott Sullivan, Ron Ring, Paul Zillig, Ed Zimmer, Glen Cekal

**Order No. 01-03 - Call Meeting to Order**

Glenn Johnson called the JAVA Board meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**Order No. 02-03 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2003 Board meeting. Abbott seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 03-03 -Resolution authorizing appraisals & purchases of partial parcels located at 1643 N 14 St., 1711 N 14 St. and 1715 N 14 St. for Military Road project.**

(Resolution attached.)

Resolution # 03-0213-03 (1715 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street was removed from the resolution.), Tracts 95 & 96, involves partial acquisition (both permanent and temporary easements) at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Bessie Street. Funds are available for the acquisition.

Abbott moved to approve Resolution #03-0213-03 for properties at 1643 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 1711 N 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Jackson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 04-03 -Resolution authorizing appraisals and purchases of partial parcels located at 2203 Vine St. & 2223 Vine St.**

(Resolution attached.)

Resolution # 03-0213-04, Tract 146, involves partial acquisition (both permanent and temporary easements) for the Vine Street Road and Bridge project. Funds are available for the acquisition.

Abbott moved to adopt Resolution #03-0213-04 for properties at 2203 and 2223 Vine Street. Jackson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

Pedersen asked for a motion to make an interlinear from the above resolution to change it from Vine Street Road and Bridge to Vine Street Bridge and Road.

Abbott moved to make the requested change. Jackson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 05-03 -Consideration of an agreement with BNSF Railway to provide compensation for bridge design services.**

Wayne Teten reported that August 2002, the JAVA Board approved the design of railroad structures over Antelope Creek. The designs converted the current structures to a 2-span bridge. At that time, it was considered appropriate that the Railroad select who they wanted to do the design services. They have selected Parsons Brinckerhoff. This is eligible for a 50/50 with the Corps of Engineers. The Corps has indicated that this falls into their category of a "relocation", which means that the Non-Federal sponsors must pay up front. The contract has been negotiated for an approximate \$122,000. Teten would like to propose that JAVA be allowed to enter into an agreement with the Railroad, stating that we would pay for the design services.

Roger Figard discussed involvement of RTSD. with the funding. He indicated that the RTSD currently has \$1.4 million available for this Fiscal Year. The paperwork is being processed for that money to be transferred to the Antelope Valley account with the City. It is a legal and appropriate use of those dollars to help reimburse Burlington Northern for that expenditure. Figard suggested that a letter be sent to the Railroad from JAVA indicating that invoices could be submitted directly to JAVA. Johnson inquired about the anticipated timing of the design. Teten said that the schedule shows that construction would be done during the 2004 calendar year.

Abbott moved to allow the JAVA Chair to transmit a letter to the Burlington Northern Railroad stating that JAVA would accept the cost of the railroad bridge design and that invoices could be submitted directly to JAVA for payment. Jackson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 06-03- Update on bridge Aesthetics review**

(Attachments)

The JAVA Chair appointed a committee to re-examine the bridge design and report back to the Board. Ed Zimmer briefed the Board on the recommendations that the committee came up with. Committee members were: Glenn Johnson, John Benson, David Peterson, Wayne Teten, Wynn Hjermstad, Lynn Johnson and Ed Zimmer; they met 4 times since the January 9, 2003 JAVA Board meeting. They narrowed the various design concepts down to one and recommend that this design concept be approved and followed. The Urban Design Committee has given their approval for this design.

Scott Sullivan from the Antelope Valley Design team presented visual preliminary updated designs for the bridge concepts for both the main 'O' Street signature bridge and the "little brother" bridges. Some of the major changes from previous concepts were material usage, such as warm toned concrete instead of brick. Scale of the piers were reduced, pier ornamentation were altered and lookouts were added. Abutments have been altered and the idea of ornamental lighting and banners have been maintained. Sullivan stressed that these are still preliminary designs and some of the details are still being worked on. This includes a "cousin" bridge on 'J' Street as well as the Antelope Valley Pedestrian bridges.

Abbott moved to approve the concept of the Antelope Valley Bridge designs with the understanding that adjustments may be made. Jackson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 07-03- Update on A.V. Housing Preservation & Infill Program.**

Wynn Hjermstad stated that the name had changed to "House Moving Plan", mostly due to legal ramifications with using the term, "relocation", which implied that the Uniform Housing Relocation Act was being referenced. Hjermstad updated the Board on the process, where the committee is currently at in the process and the time line of the process. The goal is to get the plan out to JAVA, the partners, the JAVA Citizen's Committee, the public and the neighborhood associations within the next two weeks. They would like to meet with the Citizen's Committee soon to review the plan and get their input prior to the next JAVA Board meeting. Hjermstad wanted to clarify what the plan is and isn't. The plan is a process plan that identifies criteria for moving houses, develops program guidelines, identifies funding sources, considers legal issues and finally looks into how the plan is administered. The plan does not identify specific properties/houses to be relocated, nor specifically identify locations/lots for houses to be moved. Neighborhoods Inc. will be administering the program. Hjermstad reported that members of the committee were: staff from Urban Development, staff from Neighborhoods Inc., Joel Pedersen, Kent Seacrest.

**Order No. 08-03 - Selection and approval of an alternate University representative for JAVA Board.**

Christine Jackson announced that her alternate for the Board, Scott Lewis has accepted a job out of state, leaving his position vacant. She requested that Richard McDermott be appointed as Lewis' replacement. Lewis was commended for all his time, work and effort with the Antelope Valley Project.

Pedersen indicated that a letter from the President of the University of Nebraska is needed for this appointment.

Abbott moved to accept the appointment of Richard McDermott to replace Scott Lewis as the alternate for the University of Nebraska's JAVA board member along with a letter from the President. Johnson seconded.

AYE: Abbott, Johnson, Jackson

NAY:

**Order No. 09-03 - Staff reports.**

Teten reported updates for N/E Park had some updates. The elevator load-out chute will be completed within the next couple of weeks, which will allow the railroad tracks to be removed from the center of the park.

Work has begun on Channel Phase I on the west side of the Devaney Sports Center. Clearing and grubbing has been done near the mouth of the creek moving southward. Channel shaping is underway in the northern reaches as well.

Margaret Remmenga gave an update on the JAVA Budget and gave the Board handouts illustrating appropriations and expenditures to date. The first sheet had appropriations for three fiscal years beginning with JAVA's inception up through February 2003. These appropriations cover both the operating budget and the construction budget. The second sheet covers specific projects relating to Antelope Valley and is divided into Transportation, Storm Water Management and Community Revitalization and finally subdivided by individual project, such as the Northeast Community Park.

**Order No. 10-03 - Citizen's Committee Reports.**

Randy Stramel from the Citizen's Committee indicated that those Committee members that were present were all in approval of the color bridge concepts that Sullivan brought. The revised designs have a very positive result. Stramel requested a follow-up meeting after RTKL has been here. There was also a review of a meeting with the North Bottoms neighborhood association. Lots of information was given and many confusing items got cleared up; overall a good-positive meeting that created more understanding of the project. Representatives from the North Bottoms neighborhood has requested that the bike trail be kept on the east side of 14<sup>th</sup> Street between the Channel and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The request is being made from both a safety concern as well as an overall cycling experience.

Johnson indicated that the RTKL follow-up could be tied in with the Antelope Valley Housing Preservation Infill program review at the same Citizen's Committee meeting.

**Order No. 11-03- Non-Agenda Items.**

There were no Non-Agenda items.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.**